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2. The Brazilian government is closely following the activities of Getulio Vargas in connection with the forthcoming presidential elections. It fears that Vargas may attempt to unite with the Communists and intends to combat the move if it appears imminent. There is no known agreement between the two groups at the moment and none is expected for the following reasons:

- Vargas believes that his growing strength will enable him to win the elections without the support of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB).
- Vargas feels that his position would be weakened if the public learned of an agreement with the Communists.
- Vargas fears that any indication of a link with the PCB would cause the army either to assume immediate control of the government or to do so in the event that he won.

(Washington Comment. This information partially confirms SO-21259.)

3. There were no indications, as of the end of January 1949, that the PCB had made any large scale arrangements with any of the political parties. The only known arrangements have been on low levels, in town or district elections, in which a place on the ballot was given the PCB in exchange for its support. This type of exchange has not progressed to a dangerous extent, and the government is prepared to take action against any individuals who appear to be dangerous to the national interests or security.

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